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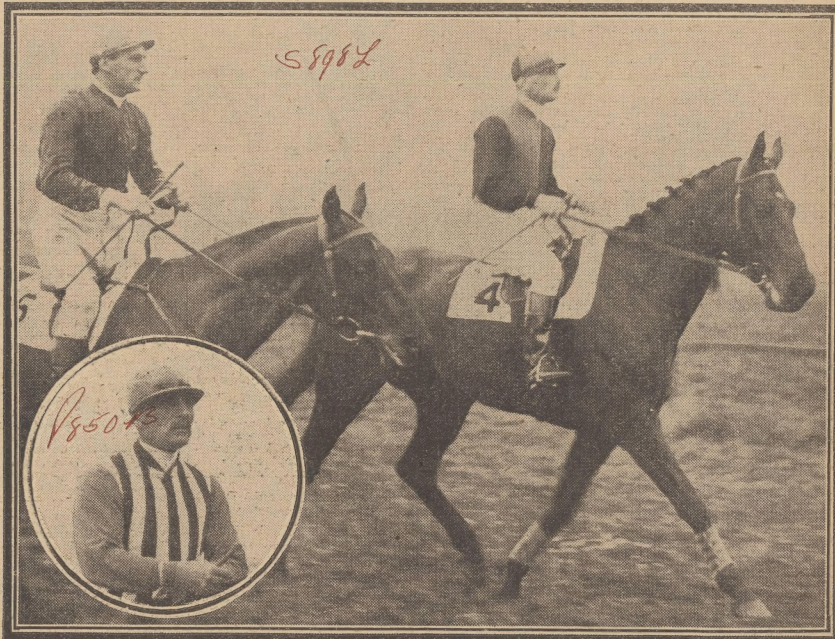
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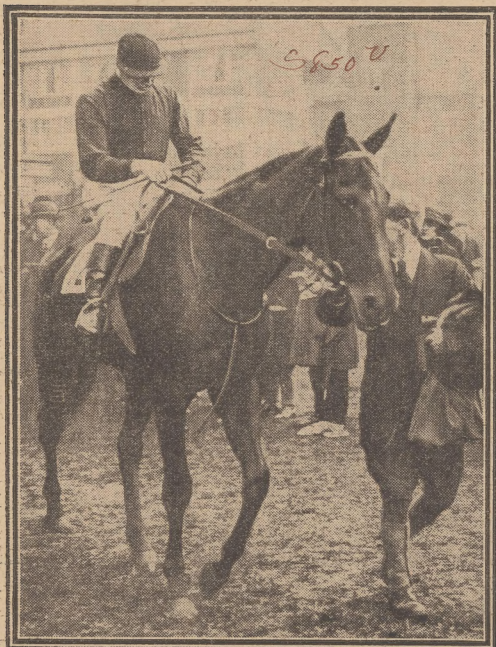
OUT FOR VICTORY IN TO-DAY'S GREAT RACE



Mr. Bankier's Forewarned with J. R. Anthony in the saddle. He will be the jockey in to-day's race.



Mr. C. R. Baron's Arravale (right). Inset, Mr. P. Whitaker, who will ride it to-day.



Mrs. Putnam's Punt Gun, M. Tighe in the saddle.



The handsome trophy which will be part of the reward of the victor.



Mr. T. C. Laidlaw's Fly Mask, which was scratched at the eleventh hour yesterday. Inset, Tom Coulthwaite, the trainer.

Three supported candidates and a non-starter in the Grand National, which will be run to-day at Aintree. The entrance fee has been raised considerably above what it was formerly, and the race is now the most valuable steeplechase in the world, the prize

money being in the neighbourhood of £10,000. The field will be smaller than those of the past two years, but includes a number of entries whose chances of a victory are generally regarded as approximately equal, judging by the betting prices.

DANCER DENIES DIVORCE CHARGES.

"Maurice" on Friendship with Film Actress Wife.

HOTEL VISITS TALE.

"Mrs. Furness Never Alone" Judgment Reserved.

Denials by "Maurice, the Dancer" of a husband's charges against him were read yesterday in the Divorce Court when the cross-petitions of Mrs. Elizabeth Eae Furness and Mr. Tom Gunnar Stephenson Furness again came before Mr. Justice Hill.

Mrs. Furness, who was a film actress before her marriage, asks for a decree of restitution of conjugal rights. Her husband, who is a cousin of Lord Furness, seeks a divorce and cites as respondent Mr. Maurice Mouvet, who is well known as an exhibition dancer.

In his evidence at earlier hearings Mr. Furness stated that he and his wife lived at the rate of £40,000 a year. Judgment was reserved.

"GAMBLER AND LOST."

Maurice Explains Why Mrs. Furness Paid a Week's Hotel Bill.

Mr. Furness pleads that he was justified in leaving his wife owing to her drinking and drug-taking.

In his cross-petition for a divorce he alleges that his wife used to visit the co-respondent, Mr. Mouvet, when the latter was giving dancing exhibitions at the Hotel, and that his conduct was committed here and at Deauville.

Mrs. Furness, who denies misconduct, admitted drinking too much at times, but declares she has not taken drugs since her marriage.

The hearing was adjourned three weeks ago to enable the evidence of Mr. Mouvet to be taken on commission. He was stated to be in Switzerland, suffering from consumption. In his evidence, taken on commission in Paris on Saturday, Mr. Mouvet stated that he was an American and first met Mr. and Mrs. Furness in New York just before their marriage.

When he came to London to give dancing demonstrations he became very friendly with Mr. and Mrs. Furness, visited them and they called on him at the Piccadilly Hotel, where he was dancing with Miss Leonora Hughes.

"FIGHTING FOR MY LIFE."

Mrs. Furness visited him in his room at the hotel on a few occasions with some friends, but she had never been in his room alone. He had never committed misconduct with her.

His valet's statement that he had seen him in his bedroom with a woman was untrue. His reason for not entering an appearance to this suit, Mr. Mouvet said, was that he had never been served before with any papers.

At the time I was fighting for my life. I thought the matter was forgotten. I never thought it would have gone so far, and after two and a half years I never thought for a minute the case would go on."

Mr. Mouvet added that in America he earned by his dancing up to \$5,000 (about £800) a week.

Explaining how it came about that Mrs. Furness on one occasion paid his hotel bill, Mr. Mouvet said he "had gambled and lost."

CUPS FOR DANCERS.

Dates of Semi-Finals in Contest That Will Help the Blind.

Interest continues unabated in the Dancing Competition in aid of the National Institute for the Blind and the Blind Babies' Home. Among prizes are two cups given by *The Daily Mirror*.

The dates of the provincial and London semi-finals, together with the names of the judges, are—

Sheffield, to-day, Miss Engham MacLaren; Bristol, March 28, Miss Fairbairn; Birmingham, April 14, Miss Schurthwaite; Liverpool, April 27, Miss Purcell; Manchester, April 21, Miss Espinosa; Cardiff, April 16 and 17, Miss Cone; London, April 7 and 14, Miss Espinosa, Miss Purcell and Miss Smurthwaite.

Nothingham semi-final will take place some time this month and Miss Cone will adjudicate.

EMPIRE CONFERENCES IN OCTOBER.

It is probable that the Imperial Conference of the Overseas Dominions and the Economic Empire Conference will take place in October. The Colonial Secretary is consulting the various Governments so that a date mutually agreeable to all may be fixed.

PIT PONIES' TASKS.

13-Hour Days That Holidays Would Not Stop.

'WANTON EXPLOITATION.'

Public interest in the welfare of pit ponies continues to grow, following the allegations of cruelty made by Mr. G. Wakeford, London superintendent of the R.S.P.C.A., who said he had seen some animals "emaciated, diseased and starved."

Mr. D. Jeffrey Williams, secretary of the National Equine Defence League, writing to *The Daily Mirror* on the subject, says:—

"I notice that Mr. Wakeford suggests a week-end holiday for pit ponies. In a few of the smaller mines, which are 'drifts' or 'levels,' the ponies are brought to the surface every day. In the large pits (with deep shafts, and the stable and working places very far away from the pit bottom) this suggestion will appear to be quite impracticable.

"I wonder if Mr. Wakeford has ever been down a mine? He would not offer this suggestion, I am sure, if he knew the actual conditions. A week-end holiday would do nothing to prevent the long-drawn-out cruelty of overwork—stretches of thirteen hours of daily work, and occasionally twenty-one hours of this wanton exploitation."

Short of the general adoption of electrical or compressed air haulage that would replace animal haulage in mines, the next best thing to insist on is a seven-hour day for ponies. There is need for very many more horse inspectors in the mines. . . . Any number of inspectors cannot stop double shift and overwork, for it cannot be too often said that overwork is the greatest cruelty. . . . For cases they always prevent ponies from working under low roofs—a very hideous form of cruelty. Why not abolish the ponies altogether?"

WIRELESS TO GAS STOVE.

Woman's Appeal to Magistrate About Lodger—"Afraid of Lightning."

A woman from St. John's Wood yesterday asked the advice of Mr. I. A. Symmons, the Marylebone magistrate, about a wireless apparatus which, she said, her lodger had fixed right across the back yard and run into his bedroom window on the top floor.

She was afraid that the wires would attract lightning, and as the earth wire was fixed to a gas stove inside the house, she felt it was dangerous.

Moreover, she said, the insurance company had refused to continue the insurance of the house unless it was removed. The lodger, however, refused to remove it.

Mr. Symmons: They must not put up a wireless without your permission. Give them notice to do it, and then go to the County Court. The Judge will decide whether they are allowed to do it. I don't think they are.

GOLD FOR BEAUTY.

Charming Child Studies To-day in "Daily Mirror" £2,500 Competition.

Six charming examples of the children competing in *The Daily Mirror* £2,500 Beauty Competition appear to-day on the centre pages. This is the first instalment of the week's selection of twenty-four photographs, and readers may now complete their voting coupons.

Before sending in coupons readers should wait for the further coupon that will be printed in to-morrow's issue. There is no limit to the number any reader may send in. The weekly prize of £100 will be awarded to the sender of the coupon that corresponds, or most nearly corresponds, with the general opinion.

Competitors for the beauty prizes, which range from £500 to £250, should send in their photographs at once to *The Editor, "The Daily Mirror" Beauty Competition, 23-29, Boulevard, E.C.4.* Girls of any age and boys under five years are eligible.

On the back of each photograph must be written in ink the name, age and address of the competitor. A stamped addressed envelope for the return of the photograph at the conclusion of the contest should be enclosed.

BECKETT APOLOGISES.

Fighting Attitude at Races When He Lost Temper with Bookmaker.

When Joe Beckett, the famous boxer, appeared before the Kingston magistrates yesterday for using abusive language at Hurst Park races, his counsel (Mr. Walter Frampton) apologised to Mr. A. Marks, president of the Bookmakers' Protection Association, the prosecutor, and the summons was withdrawn.

Mr. Walter Frampton said that Beckett seemed to have annoyed Mr. Marks and pleaded himself in a fighting attitude. Since then he had sent a telegram expressing regret, and would indemnify Mr. Marks for any costs incurred.

Chairman (Mr. W. Nugent): Mr. Beckett is rather a dangerous man to lose his temper. Mr. Frampton: He is only dangerous when well matched.

FOILED LOVE CRIME.

Pretty Girl Typist Shot and Parents Wounded.

MARRIED MAN'S ARREST.

A drama has taken place in the Rognette quarter of Paris, in which a whole family suffered, the mother and father being wounded and the daughter killed.

The latter, Marcelle Gibrat, a pretty girl, twenty-five years of age, worked as a shorthand typist. She made the acquaintance a year ago of a young man, named Leclercq, who eventually asked her in marriage.

M. Gibrat made inquiries with regard to Leclercq, and found that not only had he four times been sentenced for various minor offences, but that he was already married.

Leclercq admitted that he was married, but declared that he had no objection to committing bigamy. He continued to annoy Mlle. Gibrat by following her from her work to such an extent that the family decided to leave Paris this week. Leclercq was doubtless aware of their intention, and, while they were at supper with a neighbour and his little son, he burst into the room, first firing at M. Gibrat and then at Mme. Gibrat.

Both fell back wounded, and while the neighbour was struggling with Leclercq, the latter succeeded in shooting Mlle. Gibrat, who, with the child, had taken refuge under the table. Although the first shot had proved fatal, he then savagely attacked the unfortunate girl with a knife. He made his escape, but was arrested shortly afterwards. —Reuter.

DEATH-TRAP OF FIRE.

Woman Dead in Room—Others Hurt in Window Leaps to Street.

Exciting scenes occurred during a fire which broke out yesterday in a large private house in Oxlender-road, East Dulwich-road, Peckham. A crowd of people, cut off by the flames, jumped into the road from their bedroom windows and two were rather badly injured.

When the firemen fought their way into the building they found an elderly woman had been burned to death in her room.

TRAGIC QUEEN RELICS.

Jewellery of Mary of Scots Secured for the Nation.

There was keen competition and much excitement yesterday at the sale by Mr. W. H. Hurcomb, at his Piccadilly premises, of a collection of relics of Mary Queen of Scots.

They included a large golden necklace, a tortoiseshell fan, a jewelled pendant, a pearl and enamel pendant, a coffee, a silk handkerchief and a lock of Prince Charlie's hair.

Dr. Seton, of University College, who had raised a fund to which the King and Queen, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York contributed, in order that the articles might be preserved in some national institution, secured seven of the relics for 400 guineas.

A pendant set with diamonds, rubies and pearls, given to Queen Mary at the time of her marriage with the Dauphin of France, realised 1,000 guineas, and a watch presented to her the night before her execution was sold for 500 guineas.

VICAR SUED FOR RATES.

"Impossible for Me to Pay and Keep Up Appearances"—Workless Sons.

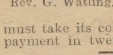
For the third time the Rev. Gilbert Watling, vicar of St. John's, Edmonton, has been sued for non-payment of his rates.

The amount claimed from him is £19—the Poor Rate, and he told the Tottenham magistrates the story of his struggles.

"The church I have to support is in a very poor district," he said, "and on 8th July I spent £100 on a funeral, which is absolutely impossible for me to do. I should do and keep up appearances."

"I have two sons unemployed, who stay with me, and my wife is in poor health."

It was explained that his stipend was £300 a year. He stated that he had written to the Bishop and the reply was: "The law must take its course." An order was made for payment in twenty-eight days.



Rev. G. Watling.

DEGENERATE LOVE.

"In the olden days they heard of loveless ballads to mistresses' eyebrows. That had all gone. They no longer had ballads; they had bullets. They no longer had rhapsodies; they had razors."

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FAMOUS JUDGE'S SUDDEN END.

Mr. Justice Bray's Fatal Court Seizure.

GREAT R.A. DEAD.

Mr. B. W. Leader, Who Painted Till Ninety-Two.

Two distinguished men died yesterday—Mr. Justice Bray, at his London residence, after a fortnight's illness, and Mr. B. W. Leader, R.A., the great English landscape painter, who died at Burrows Cross, Guildford.

Mr. Justice Bray was eighty, and was taken ill in court only a fortnight ago, when hearing a case in the King's Bench Division. Mr. Leader was ninety-two, and up till near his death was still busily painting. He was the painter of "February Fil Dyke," a famous work of art.

Mr. Justice Bray was a lineal descendant of Sir Thomas More, the historically famous Chancellor of Henry VIII.

SEIZURE IN COURT.

When Mr. Justice Bray Settled Case in Thirty Seconds.

Mr. Justice Bray (Sir Reginald More Bray) was taken suddenly ill during the hearing of a case on March 8, and he then had to be assisted from the bench, and after receiving medical attention in his private room was able to walk unassisted to his car.

After he was feeling a little better he gave instructions to the usher to inform him when the parties were ready in the next case.

He was unable to return to his duties, however, and on his journey home was accompanied by Lady Bray.

Educated at Westminster School, Harrow and Cambridge University, Mr. Justice Bray was captain of the cricket eleven of Westminster and a member of the Cambridge team in the early seventies.

He was appointed a Judge in 1904. He has been described as one of the three best lawyers on the Bench and in his younger days was the leading junior at the Bar.

Mr. Justice Bray was renowned for his wonderful memory and his laconic yet judicious method of dealing out justice.

On one occasion he settled a case in thirty seconds.

PAINTING TO THE END.

Mr. Leader's Twenty Pictures During the Past Year.

The late Mr. B. W. Leader was one of England's foremost landscape painters, particularly of the calm, quiet, and restful of his native land. Even up to the age of ninety he was still busily working, and he told an interviewer on his last birthday that he had painted at least twenty pictures during the past year.

He recalled many stories of Constable and his visits to his father's house at Worcester.

"Once," said Mr. Leader, "Constable took back to town a copy of one of his landscapes which my father had made."

When Constable died shortly afterwards my father said:

"Mark my words, that picture of mine will be sold as a genuine Constable."

And so it was, for I saw it later in the Grafton Galleries as an item in a Constable collection."

Mr. Leader had exhibited at the annual exhibition at Burlington House for nearly seventy years.

OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF.

To-day's Weather.—Misty in places, with frost locally at night.

Anglesley Election.—March 29 is nomination day, and polling will take place on April 7.

£22,016 Library Sale.—The three days' sale at Sotheby's of part of the Earl of Powis' library realised £22,016.

Summer time will begin this year at 2 a.m. (Greenwich) on Sunday, April 22, and will continue until Sunday, September 16.

Knight's Motor Fine.—Sir Henry Gregg, Whitely Bay, was fined £5 and costs at Bishop Auckland yesterday for dangerously driving a motor-car.

The Extinguishing Cause.—"Anyone can tell that this is a Rent Act case, because the advocates get excited."—Judge Parfitt at Clerkenwell County Court yesterday.

U.S. Woman's Honour.—Miss Chloe Oving, an American, has received from the University of Paris the rare and high degree of Doctor with very honourable mention.

Royalty at Lace Show.—An exhibition of laces in London yesterday, with a view to reviving interest in the Nottingham trade, was attended by Queen Alexandra and the Princess Royal.

"THE WAY OF A MAN" BY S. ANDREW WOOD BEGINS ON MONDAY

THE KING AND TWO SONS TO SEE GRAND NATIONAL

Invasion of Liverpool for To-day's Race for Blue Riband of Steeplechasing.

GAY ROUND OF DANCES AND HOUSE PARTIES

26 Horses to Tackle 30 Biggest Jumping Obstacles in World—Four Women Owners.

The King, the Prince of Wales and Prince George will be among the thousands at Aintree this afternoon to see the race for the Blue Riband of Steeplechasing—the Grand National.

Public interest in the biggest test for horses in the world is this year keener than ever. Liverpool is overflowing with an army of visitors, and hotel, boarding-house and apartment owners have not an inch of accommodation left.

Thrills and spills inseparably associated with this four and a half miles contest over thirty obstacles have not lessened the glamour of the "National" for the man in the street, and the fortunes of twenty-six horses—including four entered by women owners—are awaited by millions all over the Empire.

Lord Derby is the host of the King and his sons at Knowsley, and the big event will be followed in the evening by a round of dances and other social functions.

SPECIAL STAND CHOSEN BY PRINCE OF WALES.

Spot Where He Can See Most Difficult Fence Cleared.

VETERAN RIDER'S AMBITION.

Sporting Britons the world over have their interest focussed on one event to-day—the Grand National Steeplechase, the biggest test for a racehorse in existence.

Once again it will be a Royal National. The King, the Prince of Wales and Prince George are to see the great equine contest at Aintree as the guests of Lord Derby.

The King was present for the opening of the meeting yesterday, and was warmly cheered as, accompanied by Lord Derby and other members of the Knowsley party, he arrived in time for the first race.

His Majesty—and the crowd—were very hopeful that the royal colours would be carried to victory in the chief event of the afternoon—the Liverpool Spring Cup—but Will Somers, the King's horse, failed to get into the first three.

THE PRINCES LEAVE LONDON.

The Prince of Wales and Prince George left Euston yesterday afternoon for Knowsley. They were saluted by people on the platform as they went to a special saloon on the express.

It is typical of the keen interest of the Prince of Wales in racing—particularly "over the sticks," at which he himself has ridden winners at point-to-point meetings—that he will not be content to watch the Grand National from a seat in the usual stand.

Special arrangements have been made for him to view the race from a position immediately opposite one of the most difficult obstacles—Valentine's Brook.

Thousands of racegoers have arrived in Liverpool from all parts of the country. Bedrooms were booked many months ago, and all hotels and boarding-houses are full to overflowing.

The demand for accommodation had been much greater than for some years past, and many visitors have had to seek apartments in Wallasey, Chester and Southport.

Despite the fact that—owing to the Lincoln Handicap disaster for the army of small punters all over the land—there are but few isolated chances of completing the Spring double by the victory of the favoured horse this afternoon, public interest in the Grand National is keener than ever before.

WOMEN OWNERS' HOPES.

There is a fascination about this, the most formidable of all tests for horses, that is irresistible to the merest novice in Turf matters as to the seasoned racegoer.

Unless there are any more last-minute withdrawals, twenty-six horses will attempt the stupendous task of completing the course of four and a half miles, during which thirty difficult obstacles have to be cleared.

Four women owners will be represented in the race—Mrs. H. M. Hollins (Turkey Buzzard), Mrs. Crofts (Max), Mrs. J. Putnam (Punt Gun) and Mrs. F. M. Lloyd (Ammonal). All have hopes of success.

So far as public sentiment is concerned, chief interest will centre in the effort of Mr. Percy Whitaker, the "veteran" of the competitors, to realise the ambition of his life in this afternoon, trained by himself, to victory for the Blue Riband of Steeplechasing.

Last year Arravale was going well when he shed at a fallen opponent and brought his rider to earth. To-day Mr. Whitaker, if he avoids a repetition of similar ill-luck, has an outstanding chance of carrying off the coveted prize.

GUEST OF BRITAIN AT £80 A WEEK.

M. Venizelos Arrives in Paris on His Way to London.

NEAR EAST CONFERENCE.

Light has been shed on the whereabouts of the elusive M. Venizelos by a Central News Paris telegram, which states that he arrived at the French capital at nine o'clock yesterday morning.

The Greek Ambassador to Europe is to be the guest of the British Government. He will stay at the Ritz Hotel, and it is stated that the total cost of entertaining M. Venizelos will amount to something like £80 a week.

He will be driven to the Ritz Hotel, where a suite "appropriate to his station" has been engaged for him.

The suite consists of a bedroom, sitting-room and bathroom of the best class, and if M. Venizelos brings a secretary additional accommodation will be provided.

EXCLUSIVE USE OF LIMOUSINE.

When he goes out M. Venizelos will have the exclusive use of a limousine, which the Government of the British Government is also providing.

Meanwhile, British, French and Italian experts who are examining the Turkish counter-proposals to the Near East draft treaty continue their conversations yesterday in London.

The Allied sub-committees appointed to investigate the judicial, financial and economic clauses met at the Foreign Office, the Board of Trade and the Treasury.

An important conference took place at the Colonial Office yesterday on the question of Mesopotamia.

Sir Percy Cox, the British High Commissioner, has been in frequent consultation with the Government.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Trenchard and his principal assistants at the Air Ministry were among those at the conference.

BUILDERS' STRIKE CRISIS.

Employers' Decision on Wednesday—Danger of 48,000 Lock-Out.

The final decision of the building trade employers regarding a reduction of wages, which the operatives have rejected, will be taken at meetings in London next Wednesday.

A conference of London district organisers of the building trades has been called for to-night to arrange the procedure in the event of the dispute developing.

Inquiries yesterday showed the general opinion among the men was that a majority of the employers will post notices indicating the new working conditions they desire to enforce, and then a national lock-out will ensue from April 1. The resources of 48,000 operatives will be pooled.

Ballot Result.—The ballot of dockers on the Liverpool shipowners' amended offer has resulted in a small majority for acceptance.

FAMOUS RUGBY CAPTAIN WEDS.

The famous international Rugby captain, Constructor Lieutenant Commander Davies, who was married to Miss Peggy Waymouth, daughter of the late Major Waymouth, R.G.A. Members of the United Services team acted as ushers, and many other sportsmen were present. The bride, who was attended by two bridesmaids, was given away by her uncle, Vice-Armiral Waymouth. Engineer Lieutenant Commander Mackenzie was best man.



Lord Sanderston, whose death, at the age of eighty-two, has been announced. He had a distinguished career at the Foreign Office.



Lord Eustace Percy, who has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education. He is M.P. for Hastings.

FINEST LACE FOR THE DUKE'S BRIDE.

Moss Rose Design Chosen for Wedding Dress.

DELICATE TRACERY.

So many yards of the finest Malines lace, with a moss rose design on it, will be used for Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon's wedding dress when she marries the Duke of York next month that if it had been pillow-made, instead of machine-made by the finest craftsmen in Nottingham, it would have taken one woman forty to fifty years to finish it.

Two insertions, two and six inches wide, have been made to match it, and they hung yesterday with the lace itself in the long drawing-room at 3, Grosvenor-square, lent by the Duchess of Portland.

The actual details of the dress are not quite settled yet. Mme. Handley Seymour, who is making it, spent three days in Paris last week looking at models and materials, but whatever the foundation of the dress, very little of it will be visible beneath the clouds of delicate tracery that come from Nottingham—English lace for an English bride.

COCAINE CHARGE.

Retired Army Major Charged with Illegal Possession of Drug.

When a retired Army major, John James Eckford, aged fifty-eight, was remanded at Brighton yesterday for medical examination, charged with unlawfully procuring and possessing cocaine, it was stated that he had been addicted to drugs for fifteen years.

The Chief Constable said the major had acquired the drug habit in India during illness. Colonel P. Bokori, of Hove, said that efforts had been made to get his brother incarcerated, but the parties were unwilling to take this course.

Mr. Eckford said he used to take drugs when with the Army of Occupation, but he was not now taking any except under doctor's orders.

CIRCUS KING'S £15,000.

Mr. Robert Fossett's Will—Great Sums Left by Other Showmen.

"The King of the Ring," Mr. Robert Fossett, of Tiffeld, Towcester, Northants, a circus proprietor, known also as "Sir Robert," has left £15,000 ss. 10d.

Mr. Fossett, who died on December 31, left all his property equally among his eleven children. Other prominent showmen who have left large estates are:—

Lord George Sanger, murdered in 1912, £29,345
Charles Hengler, who died in 1890, £110,000
Frederick Charles Hengler, £59,655

The largest amount was left by Phineas Taylor Barnum (of Barnum and Bailey, the American showmen), who left £1,000,000.

PILLAR-BOX MARVELS.

P.M.G. Talks in Hundreds of Millions of Years' Business.

"Trials and achievements of the Postmaster-General might have been the title of a luncheon address given yesterday by that Minister (Sir William Joynton Hicks) to the London Tradesmen's Club. Last year, he said, the Post Office carried:—

Letters . . . 3,400,000,000 Postcards . . . 500,000,000
Printed . . . 1,000,000,000 Newspapers . . . 300,000,000
papers . . . 1,000,000,000 Parcels . . . 200,000,000

"Then," added Sir William, "there have been seven hundred million telephone calls—seven hundred million causes of vituperation, seven hundred million opportunities of irritability."

As a man who used the telephone a good deal, he thought it was not so bad as it used to be. (Laughter.) He, too, had sometimes been as irritable as the telephone girl, and desired to "kick a client down stairs," but I dare not do it."

BERLIN'S SURRENDER NEAR AT HAND?

Improvement in France Raises Paris Hopes.

NO SECRET TALKS.

Story of Swiss Mediation Officially Denied.

With the remarkable rise in the franc, French hopes of an early vindication of the Ruhr occupation policy ran high in Paris yesterday.

It is believed that the opening of peace overtures by Cuno's Cabinet in Berlin cannot now be long delayed.

At the same time, the report that indirect negotiations have already been opened through the agency of Herr Bergmann (the German financier) and M. Dubois (the Swiss financier) was officially denied by the French Government yesterday.

Moreover, saying its not to use force will, the suggestion that the French Government had appointed M. Dubois, or anybody else, as an intermediary to negotiate with Germany is absurd.

The French Government stands by the attitude it has already announced—namely, that it would accept no intervention by a third party, whether an individual or a Government.

Any overtures must be made direct by the German Government to the Governments of France and Belgium.

RUHR NORMAL SOON?

Money Market Changes That Inspire Optimism in Paris.

PARIS, Thursday.

Yesterday's appreciable rise in the franc is attributed by this morning's papers partly to the changed attitude among the German authorities in the occupied territories, and partly to indications that the Cuno Cabinet is inclining towards the opening of pourparlers.

Writing in the *Echo de Paris*, "Pertinax" says there is evidence that the seizure of the Ruhr has advanced the French cause throughout the world.

"On the top of this," he says, "comes the rise in the franc that has taken place during the past three days."

"The importance of these favourable indications will be emphasised when we have fully attained our aims in the Ruhr, when exportation is being carried on normally under our authority, and when the fulfilment of reparations is once and for all removed from German hands."

"Then these same Americans and Englishmen who were advising us not to use force will, with true business instinct, recognise the value of the pledges in our hands, and appreciate the credit operations to which they may lead."—Reuter.

The *Matin* attributes the rise in the franc to the changed policy of the German Government, whose skilful and delicate manoeuvres in approaching the various nations had an influence on international speculation.

The committee dealing with the cost of the armies of occupation is to meet again this afternoon. It appears that an agreement may shortly be reached on the reimbursement of the United States for the cost of their occupation.

The Washington Government is stated to accept the principle of payment in twelve years, by instalments, of about 80,000,000 gold marks (£4,000,000), these instalments having absolute priority on German payments in bullion. The annual payments will carry no interest.

FREE LISTENERS-IN.

Lord Gainford Tells Why Wireless Programmes Are Not Improved.

Lord Gainford, who presided at the statutory meeting of the British Broadcasting Company, Limited, at the Hotel Cecil yesterday, said that, although the Post Office figures showed that only about 80,000 licences had been issued, he thought that if those figures were multiplied by four or even five they would probably be nearer the number of receiving sets in the country.

There appears to be a wholesale evasion going on," he continued. "Many people possessing sets had not yet taken out a licence, while others ignored some of the terms of the broadcast licence, and that prevented the company from improving the quality of their programmes."

Not only were thousands of persons apparently content to listen in for nothing, but there were still in many districts people wholly preventing their neighbours, through reaction, from enjoying what was broadcast.

NO ACID IN DRIED EGGS.

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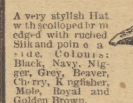
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Miss Beckett, defending Scotland's goal, runs out to save from a threatening attack by the victorious English team.

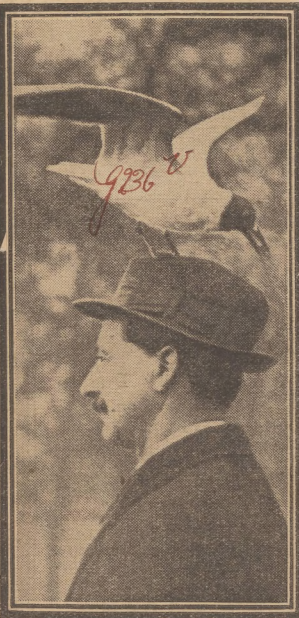


Mrs. Macrae, right, tries to intercept a shot by Miss Welton.



Miss Andrews shooting at goal.

Ladies' international hockey, England v. Scotland, at Richmond. The English players were too strong for their opponents and won handsomely by thirteen goals to none. The play was interesting, although the result makes it appear so one-sided.—(Daily Mirror.)



GULL'S DINING TABLE.—A visitor to the Serpentine in Hyde Park has secured the confidence of a gull, which regularly feeds from his hat.



A GOLF DOG.—Mr. John L. Cassidy, maker of the Thorpe golf course, with his fox terrier, Prince, which is wonderfully successful at retrieving golf balls.



PROBLEM OF ADOPTION.—The mother and two little sisters of Doris Hawker, who was taken to Madras to be adopted by people found to be Eurasians.



NOVEL PET.—A peacock which accompanies its Parisian mistress on her morning stroll in the park. It follows her like a dog and is perfectly tame.

Alkali In Soap

Bad For the Hair

Soap should be used very carefully, if you want to keep your hair looking its best. Many soaps, prepared shampoos and shampoo powders, contain too much free alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and ruins it.

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Miss Gladys Moger, the well-known singer, is giving a recital at Solian Hall to-day.

BOAT RACE EVE

Shops in Mayfair—Water Colour Art—The Latest Fashions.

FOR THE BOAT RACE the Prince of Wales will, I understand, have a seat in the umpire's launch. His Royal Highness will first see the Rugger match at Twickenham between the French and British Army teams. This match will finish early in order to let all concerned go down to the river for the race, the teams being accommodated at Harrod's. The crews will have light work to-day, consisting mostly of practice "starts."

At Lansdowne House.

The Cambridge men are living at Lansdowne House as the guests of Mr. Gordon Selfridge, jun., who was an undergraduate at Trinity. The young men are not dull. I hear accounts of expert pianists, swanee whistles and a first-rate amateur jazz band. But the dormitory bells ring early! After the race Cambridge will spend the evening at the Prince of Wales Theatre with cabaret shows to follow.

Lady Crawford's Dance.

The Countess of Crawford and Balcarres gave another dance this week at her house in Audley-square for her daughter, Lady Margaret and Lady Anne Lindsay. Princess Marguerita and Princess Theodora of Greece were among the guests, and they came with Lady Louis Mountbatten. Lady Cynthia Asquith and Lady Patricia Herbert were among other beautiful women and keen dancers present.

Wonderful Lace.

The white marble hall, stairway and balcony in the Duchess of Portland's house yesterday were hung with delicate traceries of finest lace, white and cream, red and blue, silver and gold! In the drawing-room was the lace that will make Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon's wedding dress. The bride-to-be, with Lady Strathmore, went to see it about four o'clock, and Queen Alexandra was another visitor. The exhibition is designed to assist the lace industry in this country.

Ruralising Suburbia.

Many Londoners are now, I notice in my rambles, installing all sorts of quaint devices in their little gardens. Sundials are particularly popular. Baths and nesting-boxes for the convenience of birds are other features which suburbanites are putting up in order to introduce a rural atmosphere.

Back from Spain.

Lady Lowther and Major-General Sir Cecil Lowther have returned to their charming house, No. 19, Queen-street, Mayfair. For the last two months they have been in Algiers and touring through Spain. Lady Lowther is delighted with Spain and has spent much time rather off the beaten track. She is looking wonderfully well.

Cherubic Infants.

Nothing can take away from Mr. Charles Sims, R.A., the distinction of having painted the "picture of the year" in last May's Academy, but fashionable portrait painter though he be he cannot desert his old love, which is the painting of cherubic infants. He has several delightful water-colour babies in the new exhibition of the R.S.W., which opens at the Pall Mall East galleries to-morrow.

Colour.

The exhibition shows modern English water-colour painting at its best, and none the less so because of the absence of the experimentalist. There is some very good work by Russell Flint, Brangwyn, George Clausen, the president, Sir Hughes-Stanton, R.A., and Mrs. Laura Knight. The tendency is to get brilliance of colour into water-colour drawings.



Mr. Charles Sims, R.A.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women and Affairs in General

Tragic Coincidence.

Seldom has there been so touching an example of tragic coincidence as the deaths yesterday of Mr. Justice Bray and Mr. B. W. Leader, R.A. They were the most notable residents of picturesque Shere, near Guildford—once popularly voted the third prettiest village in England. Both had been friends for many years, and both were beloved by the local people. Sir Reginald Bray was Lord of the Manor of Shere and, when circuit duties permitted, took a practical interest in local affairs. Many of Mr. Leader's pictures were of the beautiful Surrey countryside within a stone's throw of his home.

La Mode.

At Mrs. Frank Belleville's house in George-street, Portman-square, this week was a mannequin parade as an accompaniment to tea and home-made cakes. The latest fashions were shown, and I am told that the verdict is "practically no change—very slim and tight as to the skirt and loose and comfortable-looking in the bodice; head embroideries on delightfully designed dresses, showing a slightly Egyptian trend, but nothing outrageous or extravagant."

Two-time Film.

The next super-film for the Palace Theatre is to be "Peg o' My Heart," with Miss Laurette Taylor as the heroine. This play has been touring the world for years, and has been making "tons of money" at the theatres. One film has already been made of this story, but did not meet with the approval of the author, Hartley Manners, who is Miss Taylor's husband. The negative was therefore scrapped.

Second Try.

A new picture was made immediately after by Mr. King Vidor, and it is this effort which is being shown at the Palace on Monday next. It is to be hoped that this picture is an exception to the practically invariable rule that an abnormally successful play fails when adapted to the screen—a case in point being "Romance."



Miss Laurette Taylor.

Lady Stamp Designer.

The designer of the new Free State stamps is Miss Millicent Girling, a clever girl, who hails from Portadown. Miss Girling, who is only twenty-one, received her first lessons in art at the local technical institute. She subsequently attended the Dublin School of Art, where she obtained many distinctions as well as winning a scholarship for three years.

Varied Experiences.

Mr. Eugene O'Neill, whose play, "Anna Christie," is to be produced at the Strand Theatre next month, has had a most adventurous career than falls to the lot of most dramatists. He has been in succession a gold prospector, assistant manager of a touring company, seaman, actor, journalist and playwright. He is still only thirty-five.

Distinguished Irishman.

Sir Horace Plunkett, who underwent a serious operation this week, is going along as well as can be expected. A great statesman and social reformer, he founded the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society in 1894, and his interests in Irish affairs have been many and varied. In 1920, through an error in a news agency cablegram, he was reported dead.

Literary Limerick.

The following limerick (writes a correspondent) may possibly appeal to some of our readers on account of its pronounced literary flavour:

*There was a young lady of Delhi
Who couldn't read Crockett's "Cleg Kelly."
When told 'twas the fashion
She flew in a passion,
And said, "So is Marie Corelli!"*

Goldsborough Church.

The most interesting feature in Goldsborough Church—where the infant son of Princess Mary and Lord Lascelles will be christened on Sunday, are two life-size effigies of Crusaders in full panoply on the north and south side of the choir. The present church was restored by Sir Gilbert Scott at the expense of the Earl of Harewood.

Another Politician-Author.

Sir Robert Horne, I understand, will shortly join the numerous company of politicians who have written on subjects arising out of the war. There will be no "revelations" in Sir Robert's book. It will, as a fact, consist of a series of studies of international economies, written in such a way as to interest ordinary folks as well as experts.

Downing-street Doses.

There will be no more political parties in Downing-street before Easter, Mrs. Baldwin has held her last "At Home," and all is still and quiet in the little backwater of Whitehall. Mrs. Baldwin's receptions were held to enable the wife of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to become acquainted with the new M.P.'s wives, and nothing could have been jollier than the teas in the library and dining-room.

Wonderful Bernhardt!

The work of "taking" Sarah Bernhardt for film purposes has, I hear, been done as secretly as possible at her house in Paris. The operators were specially disguised as electricians, but failed, nevertheless, to avoid being noticed and photographed by skilful Pressmen. The great tragedienne's role is that of a paralysed seer who lives alone in a garret with only a pet chimpanzee to keep her company.

Theatrical Wedding.

Mr. Leslie Henson is to be best man at the wedding of Mr. "Tolly" Brightman to Miss Beryl Harrison, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on April 10. Miss Harrison is a sister of Miss Phyllis Monkman, and is appearing in "Battling Butler," at the Adelphi, of which her future husband is part author. Many stage favourites have accepted invitations to the wedding.

Proof!

"Please, sir," said the small boy to the shopkeeper, "father wants to know if there is such a thing as a tobacco trust." "Yes, sonny, there is," replied the man of business genially. "Well, then," said the boy, "will you trust him with a couple of ounces?"



Viscountess St. Davids, one of the season's political hostesses, entertained this week.



Lord Weir, who has been made a member of the Committee of Imperial Defence.

Shops in Mayfair.

Lord Dartmouth's house in Charles-street, Berkeley-square, is not to remain entirely a private residence after all, now that the Hon. Mrs. Robert Lindsay has it. One of the ground floor windows has already been taken out and an entrance door put in its place, some of the beautiful railings have been removed and all preparations are being made to separate that portion of the house from the rest. Rumour has it that there will be a jeweller's shop there! O tempora! O mores!

The Late James Barr.

I was very sorry to hear of Mr. James Barr's death. He was rather overshadowed by his brother Robert, who founded the *Idler* in partnership with Mr. Jerome K. Jerome, but he wrote excellent short stories, and he wrote plenty of them. He dealt in thrills rather than in sentiment, and I shall not easily forget his account of the adventures of a traveller whom a herd of peccaries drove to the tree tops in a Brazilian forest.

Civil Service Holidays.

A Civil Servant tells me that in most Government offices the majority of the officials will be away from next Thursday evening to the following Tuesday morning. Civil Servants who are obliged to attend at the office on Easter Saturday will be allowed a compensation day's leave on Tuesday.

"Bootlegations."

An American friend tells me that in the States the various foreign Embassies are known as "bootlegations." It appears that the dry laws do not apply to these places. THE RAMBLER.

PHEASANT MARGARINE



ENGLAND'S RUGBY CAPTAIN WED

LITTLE CANDIDATES FOR PRIZES I



Lieutenant-Commander W. J. A. Davies, R.N., the English Rugby captain, with his bride, Miss Peggy Waymouth, after their wedding yesterday at St. Jude's, Southsea.



(Y).—Gordon Moncrieff MacLennan, Edinburgh.



(V).—Patricia



Old Rugby footballs were tied to the car that took away the bride and bridegroom, these being preferred to the orthodox old shoes or even to football boots.—(Daily Mirror photographs.)



GUARDS CLUB CHARGE.—Captain Rowland Hill, secretary of the Guards Club, leaving Marlborough-street yesterday after being remanded on charge of fraudulent conversion of £486.



(U).—Cicely Coombs, Guildford, Surrey.



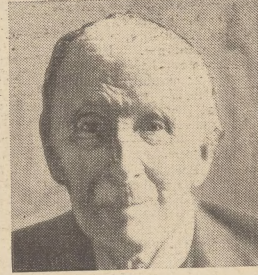
FOR THE ZOO.—Mr. St. Barbe Baker with the wild cat he has brought from Kenya Colony, East Africa. It will shortly take up quarters in the Zoo.



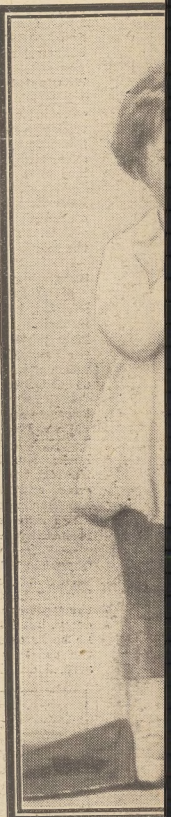
DELAYED MARRIAGE.—Dr. Philip Norris and his bride, Miss Sarah Jane Kelly, after their marriage in London. Miss Kelly was detained at Ellis Island when she went to America to wed.



PEG O' THE FILM.—Miss Laurette Taylor in the film version of "Peg o' My Heart," which is to be shown at the Palace Theatre on Monday next.



VETERAN RETIRES.—Viscount Morley, who has resigned the Chancellorship of the University of Manchester, which he has held for fifteen years. He is eighty-four.



(X).—Ian Milne

Six competitors in St. George's Competition. This is the first time that the competition has been held since 1914, and it is now complete. The results of the competition will be published in the next issue of the Mirror.

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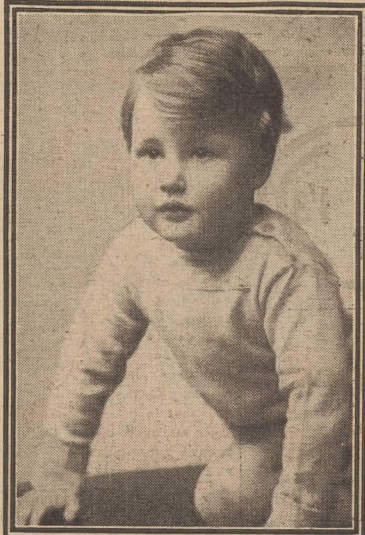
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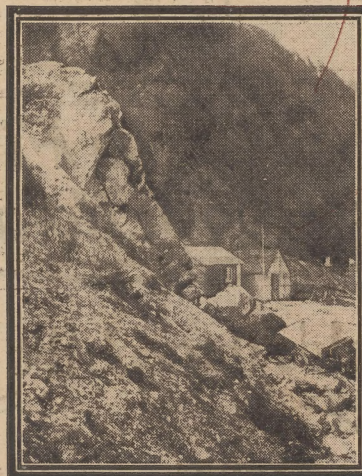
(T).—Jill Blaydon, Hall Green, Birmingham.



The wrecked lorry. Inset, Mr. Henry Fredericks, who was with the driver and unhurt.



(W).—John Herbert Green, Manor Park, London.



The cliff with smashed car at its base.



Mr. Claud Hillman, the driver, after his adventure.

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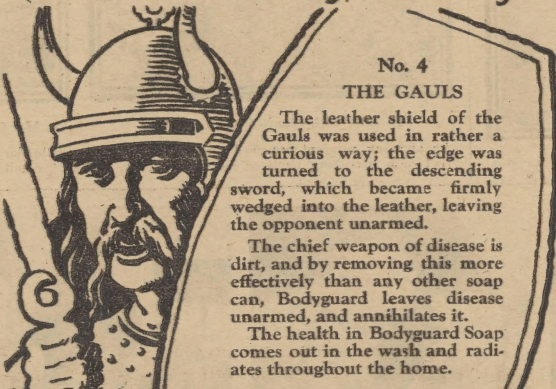
ADELPHI—At 8.15. Mats. Wed. Sat. Easter Mon. 2.30. **BATTLING BUTLER**, Jack Buchanan, Phyllis Trimmas. **ALDWYCH**—(Curr. 5928.) Evgs. 8.15. **TONS OF MONEY**. Mats. Wed. Sat. 2.30. **Yvonne Arnaud**, Ralph Lynn. **AMBASSADORS**—A LITTLE BIT OF FLUFF. Evgs. 8.30. **Mattinee**, Tomorrow, 2.30. (Last Week.) **APOLLO**—8.30. **PHYLLIS NEILSON-PERRY** in A ROOF AND FOUR WALLS. Mats. Wed. Sat. and An. 2.30. **CHELSEA (PALACE THEATRE)**—Book now for POLLY. First Perf. Sat. Mar. 31. Popular prices. (Rm. 735.) **COMEDY**—Every Evening, 8.30. "RECREITS." Ray Compton, Leon Quartermaine. Tues and Sat. 2.30. **COURTY**, Alcanova—(Ger. 648.) Revue. **CARTE BLANCHE**. 2 Bobs. **DIETIE MYRTIL**, Tabby Edlin. 8.30. Wed. Sat. 2.30. **COVENT GARDEN**—YOU'D BE SURPRISED. Evgs. 8.10. Mats. Wed. Thurs. Sat. 2.30. (Ger. 640.) **CRITERION**—(Ger. 3944.) 8.30. Tu. Th. Sat. Easter Mon. 2.30. **Sybil Thorelli** in "ADVERTISING APRIL." **DRURY LANE**—Reopening Wed. March 28, at 8.30. **Maurice Maughold** in ANGELO, A Play with Music. **DUKE OF YORKS**—Evgs. 8.30. **MARIE TEMPERT** in THE MARRIAGE OF KITTIE. Mats. Thurs. Sat. 2.30. **EMPIRE**—Tues. Next, 21.9; after Twice Daily, 2.30, 8.30. The New Revue, "THE RAINBOW." **Gaiety**—8.15. **JOSE COLLINS** in THE LAST WALTZ. **Maitnos**, Sat. and Easter Monday, at 2.30. **GARRICK**—(Gr. 8513.) Evgs. 8.30. Mats. Wed. Sat. 2.30. **Guchra's** production, "Partners Again." **GLOBE**—8.30. **THE LAUGHING LADY**, Marie Lohr, Leslie Fawcett, Violet Vanbrugh. Wed. Sat. 2.30. **HAYMARKET**—Tonight, 8.30. **PLUS FOUR'S**. Peggy O'Neill, Aubrey Smith. Mat. Sat. 2.30. **HIPPODROME**—Closed for rehearsal. Reopening London, 1st Perf. March 28, at 7.50 p.m. **KINGSWAY**—Evgs. 8.15. Mats. Thurs. Sat. 2.30. "POLLY," the sequel to "The Beggar's Opera." **KINGSWAY**—POLLY. The original production, entirely unaltered with any other version now advertised. **LITTLE**—(Regent 2401.) THE 9 O'CLOCK REVUE. Evgs. 9. Mats. Mon. Th. Sat. 2.45. **Red. Mat. Prices**. **LYRIC**—(Ger. 3987.) A Play with Music. **LITTLE TIME**. Nightly, at 8.15. Wed. Sat. and Easter Mon. 2.15. **LYRIC, HAMMERSMITH**—THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. Nightly, at 8.15. Mats. Wed. Sat. and Easter Mon. 2.15. **MASKED LYNE'S THEATRE**, near Oxford Circus. 3 and 8. **THE INDESTRUCTIBLE GIRL**. (Rm. 735.) **NEW**—(Reg. 4468.) Evgs. 8.30. Wed. Sat. and Easter Mon. 2.30. **MAYHEW LANG** in THE BAD MAN. **PLAYHOUSE**—Sat. 8.30. **Gladys Cooper**. "MAGDA." Mats. Thurs. and Sat. 2.30. First Mat. Thurs. Mar. 29. **PRINCE OF WALES**—2.30, 8.30. **THE COOPTIMISTS**. (5th New Prog.) Mats. Wed. Fri. Sat. 2.30. **QUEEN'S**—8.15. "THE COUSIN FROM NOWHERE." (Ger. 5400.) Mats. Wed. Sat. and Easter Mon. 2.30. **QUEEN'S**—Evgs. 8.30. **BLUEBELLS** 8th WIFE. Mats. Thurs. Sat. and Easter Monday, at 8.30. **REGENT**, King's Cross. THE IMMORTAL HOUR. Evening, 8.30. Mats. Thurs. Sat. and Easter Mon. 2.30. **ROYALTY**—(Ger. 3885.) Evgs. 8.30. **THE LOVE HALL**. Seymour Hicks, Dennis Eagle. Mat. Sat. 2.30. **ST. JAMES'S**—Nightly, at 8.30. **THE INEVITABLE**. Isabel Jay, Frank Curzon. Mats. Mon. and Sat. 2.30.

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As you know, Squeak, like most girls, is Cambridge; but Pip and Wilfred are ardent supporters of Oxford—and so am I. If you happen to be on the towpath to-morrow, while the race is in progress, you will probably see me standing on tiptoe in the crowd, cheering as excitedly as any one!

Like every one else, the pets regard the rival crews as so many heroes. Yesterday rather a

pathetic little incident took place. Squeak suddenly thought of a grand idea. She decided to present one of the Cambridge men with a bag of winkles! I don't know whether she thought winkles would help him to row well, but, at any rate, it was a very kindly thought of the dear old penguin's, wasn't it?

Full of joy, she layd a robust-looking young man who was coming up from the river, and presented him with the little gift. He was very much amused, and asked her why she had forgotten the pins to eat them with! "Good luck, Cambridge—I hope you win!" The hero looked back over his shoulder, and replied: "I'm not Cambridge—I'm Oxford!" Poor Squeak nearly collapsed but, as you may imagine, Pip and Wilfred were in transports of delight!

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FASHIONS IN EATING.

Table Manners in the Good Old Days.

WHEN a gentleman from China visits England he laughs at the way we eat our meat with such strange implements as knives and forks; and when we go to China we think chopsticks are very peculiar things.

There are all sorts of fashions in eating, and the best way, of course, is the way you are used to. It would be very difficult for us to eat rice with chopsticks, but the Chinese do it with perfect ease, and very quickly, too!

Of course, nobody in England now would think of eating without a fork; but this has not always been the case. For hundreds of years no one had heard of such a thing; knives were used for cutting meat, but it was then picked up in the hand and eaten!

Even Queen Elizabeth ate with her hands. She thought nothing of dipping her fingers into a bowl of stew, which was then passed round the table, so that all the other diners could dip their fingers in and pull out some meat!

At last, however, some clever Italian invented forks; but they were not actually used for many years. They were kept in glass cases as curiosities from abroad.

Queen Elizabeth was presented with a very beautiful gold fork, which was made of solid gold, decorated with rubies and pearls. Of course, she never thought of eating with such a handsome thing!

Finger bowls are another instance of fashions in eating changing. They are rarely seen now; but in the old days, when people used their fingers, it was very necessary that they should be clean!

HATS ON AT MEALS.

In the houses of noblemen beautiful bowls, filled with rose-water were placed at each plate, and each guest was expected to wash his hands in the front of the whole company before the meal began.

Another rather strange custom, in the days of Charles II., was that of sitting at the table with one's hat on. Samuel Pepys, who wrote a diary of his life in Stuart times, says that he caught a severe cold through sitting at table uncovered!

I'm afraid if you wore a hat at teatime mother would have something to say about it!

TONGUE-TWISTERS.

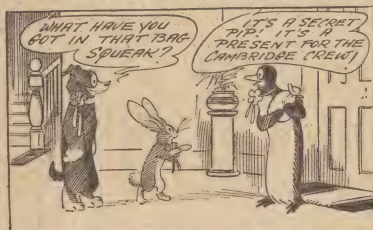
Six frisky squirrels sifting mixed squashed peaches.

She made a rash dash to wash a hash dish with the slashed meshes of a silk sach.

A bitter biting bittern bit a better bittern, and the better bitten bittern bit the bitter bittern back; and the bitter bittern blubbered: "I'm a bitter bittern bitten back by a better bitten bittern."

Sam, the slim swan, swam swiftly over the sea, swarming with swimming swans. Well swum, Slim Swan Sam!

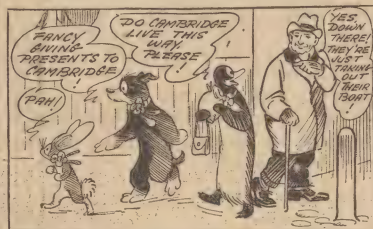
A PRESENT FOR CAMBRIDGE: SQUEAK'S LITTLE MISTAKE



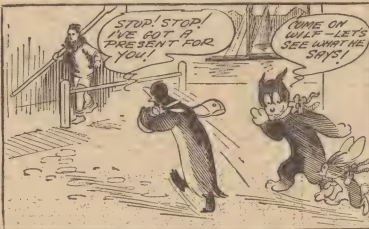
1. Squeak refused to tell Pip and Wilfred what was in a mysterious bag she was carrying.



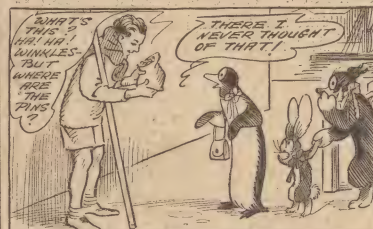
2. "It's a present for Cambridge," was all she would say, as they went out.



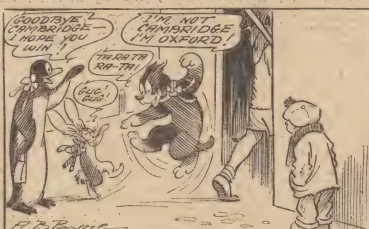
3. Pip was most disgusted. "Fancy being Cambridge!" he scoffed. "Oxford is bound to win!"



4. Suddenly Squeak saw one of the crew. "Stop! I've got something for you!" she screamed.



5. The hero stopped and accepted the little gift. "What! Winkles!" he laughed. "That is kind!"



6. But poor Squeak nearly fainted when she learnt that he wasn't Cambridge—but Oxford!

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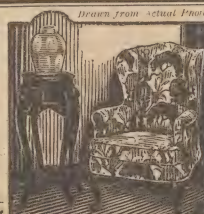
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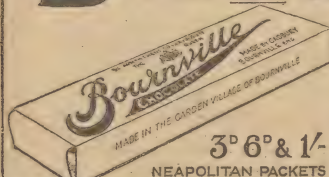
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Ronald seems cold and unemotional to his wife, and despite themselves a feeling of restraint develops between them which even the two children that are born to them fail to bridge. Without Eve's knowledge Ronald has a tempestuous flirtation with a fascinating little miss, Trixie Davies. Trixie leads him on to declare his passion for her, but she will not avow that the feeling is reciprocated. Finally, he finishes with her for good and all.

Slowly Ronald is beginning to appreciate the true quality of his wife. He takes an opera company on a world tour and entrusts to Eve the carrying on of his business during his absence.

Eve encounters financial difficulties, and is forced to apply to a moneylender, who, in the name of Frank Rawlinson by name—is a quixotic character, who helps her because he is sorry for her. Eve falls in love with him. He takes her to a ball, and she goes abroad as soon as her husband returns. The finer on which he embarks founders, and Rawlinson perishes.

Later Eve befriends a hard-up doctor, Richard Milligan, and appoints him as her medical attendant. Ronald thinks him a sinister character, and stormy scenes ensue, which result in Ronald leaving home. Milligan approaches Ronald, asking him if he will release his wife. Ronald promises to do so, provided she is still of the same mind a month hence.

MILLIGAN EXPOSED.

EVE and Joyce were at tea in the drawing-room of 34.

The afternoon sun reached through the open window, caught stray wisps of Eve's hair and dyed them gold; then passed across the shining tea service to gild the round earnest face of Joyce.

"Are you quite sure you love Dick?" Joyce was asking.

Eve did not answer and for several minutes there was silence. Presently Joyce spoke again.

"Because, Eve, dear, I don't think you should. I feel that most strongly. Dick may be everything that you think he is—"

Joyce paused significantly—and he may say—

"What do I care if he's saint or sinner so long as he loves me?" Eve spiritedly replied.

"Haven't I lived with a graven image for ten years? Haven't I endured enough from a man who had all the ordinary virtues except love? I tell you, Joyce, I don't care a rap about Dick's unfortunate past." She snapped her fingers.

"And Ronald?"

Eve hesitated. "He doesn't know how to love and I'm afraid he never will. Anyway, he'll be glad to be free to marry one of his great artists."

Joyce, however, was now definitely on Ronald's side.

"Just tell me this," Joyce said, directing a searching look at her sister. "Are you absolutely sure in your own mind that Dick's the man for you?"

"Absolutely!" said Eve defiantly.

"And that you are going to be happy with him?"

For a few seconds Eve sat staring into her teacup. At length, with a gesture of hopelessness, as though the problem were altogether too baffling, she said:

"I just don't know. I feel something's going to happen soon. Oh, Joyce!" Eve hid her face in her hands.

Her body shook with a long, convulsive shudder.

The sound of clanging lift gates could be heard. "Oh, that's Dick! He's here to time."

Eve stepped quickly into the hall and a minute later, with a gasp, she saw Richard Milligan.

The "doctor" was wearing a light grey suit, which admirably became his elegant figure and handsome face. He had brought a bunch of early roses for Eve.

"Well, and how's Miss Madcap Joyce?" he jocularly inquired as he extended his hand.

"Still the same, I see. Still trying to frown when she wants to smile!"

"I shall never get on at you," snapped Joyce as she rose and hurried out.

"Hullo, Joyce!"

"Why, it's Ron. Whatever—oh, but I'm glad you've come."

In the hall Joyce had run into the arms of Ronald, who, coming hard on the heels of Dick Milligan, was being admitted by the maid-servant. With him was an elderly gentleman whom Joyce immediately greeted as Dr. Vernon, Eve's former medical adviser.

Turning again to Ronald, Joyce pointed down the passage to the drawing-room. "Dick's here," she said. "I'm so glad you've come. They're in there!"

"Be so good, Joyce, as to show Dr. Vernon into the dining-room. I shall be with you both shortly."

The next moment, Ronald, his face strained and determined, was standing inside the drawing-room, his back to the door. He looked steadily at Eve and Dick, who had both sprung to their feet in astonishment at his unexpected entrance. "Ron!" Eve exclaimed.

A flicker of a smile—the half-cynical smile of the old Ronald—played for a moment round the corners of his mouth.

"Why have you come?" asked Eve, half in anger, half in pleasure, at seeing him again.

Ronald advanced a pace and took a chair.

"Sit down," he invited. "Yes, both of you." This to Dick, who was hesitating. They sat down. For a second Ronald fastened his eyes on Dick, who endeavored to return his gaze, but flinched and looked away.

"Eve," Ronald regarded her apprehensively—"are you strong enough to bear one more shock—the last, I hope, you'll ever have?"

Richard Milligan went suddenly white and Eve involuntarily clutched at the bosom of her dress.

"Don't tell me. Oh, please don't tell me. I can't!"

"Be strong, sweetheart," Ronald pleaded. "What I have to tell you may at first seem hard, but afterwards you'll be happy."

"Oh, Ron, what is it? Tell me! I knew it was coming!—I knew—" Again Eve shuddered convulsively.

Ronald raised his hand and pointed it accusingly at the immaculate figure of Dick Milligan.

"That man," he said, his voice even and deliberate, "that man whom you believe to be white all through is, in reality, an unprincipled scoundrel. That man is an ex-convict."

Look at him—look at his white face. I have come to save you from him. Eve, you may go any man, you choose, but you shall never go to him."

In the deep silence which followed the revelation Ronald took his eyes from the twining

had been driven to a criminal act. An opportunity of obtaining a secretaryship was presented. In a weak moment he concocted false references—and was caught. When tried, he declined to reveal his identity, and the Judge assumed the worst, sent him to hard labour for two years.

"That explains the state of my fingers," said Dick ruefully, holding up his hands, "they were torn in picking oakum."

Dick Milligan continued his story. When he came out of prison he obtained work at Guildford as an accountant. For twelve months things went well. His principal took an interest in him and promised him promotion.

There came the day when an anonymous letter reached his managing director.

He was called aside and asked if he was prepared to sign his name to a document particularly required by a fidelity insurance company. If not, he must resign his post. If he resigned there was no hope of obtaining another position. It was sign or suicide. He signed! The gods were against him. Again he went to gaol.

Again!

Dick looked at Eve's horror-stricken face and nodded. "Yes, it's true."

"But I understood that—it was only once," she stammered, "and that for someone else's fault."

"Yes, I know," Dick Milligan hid his face in his hands, "but I'm paying the price now. If I had told you all the truth you wouldn't

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face of Dick Milligan, and allowed them to rest on the half-dazed features of his wife.

"Well, Eve, what have you to say?"

Eve tried to speak, but her lips made no sound. She turned her head in mute appeal to Dick, then back again to meet the expectant eyes of her husband.

"You see," a scoundrel," she said. "Are you, Dick?"

"Your husband says, I am," he said feebly. "He thinks he knows."

"He says you are an ex-convict; and can you deny that?"

Dick Milligan shook his head and looked out of the window. "No, I can't," he said huskily.

Ronald turned again to Eve. Dick's admission had not startled her as he had expected.

"You see, Eve, I am right. He is a scoundrel. I came to save you from unknowingly throwing yourself away on a common jailbird."

Again a deep silence, to be broken this time by Eve, who was saying something strange, incredible.

"Ron," she said, "I should not have given myself unknowingly to an ex-convict. Dick's already told me that—that he's been in prison."

By gad! You knew! He incredulously exclaimed.

Eve's head lowered in assent. "When?"

"Almost from the first."

"Why wasn't I told?"

"You—you—Eve spoke quietly. "Oh, Ron, you wouldn't have understood."

"Understood!" His hands clenched. "Oh, yes, I should. And have known what to do."

He turned to his would-be supplanter. "I shouldn't have given this scoundrel the kind of rope he's had. I should have done at the start what I'm about to do now with this, though it's almost too late."

From the inside of his coat Ronald produced a dog-whip. "Now, Mr. Richard Milligan!"

"You dare!"

Again Ronald looked into a pair of dark, venomous eyes, so unlike the gentle orbs of Richard Milligan. Seeing the whip, Eve had leapt to her feet, and thrown herself between the ex-convict and her husband.

"No, Ron," she cried. "Strike me if you like, but not Dick. He's suffered enough already from men like you—men who can't understand."

Ronald scoffed. "Not nearly so much as he will when he's ceased hiding behind a woman. Men don't go to prison three times for nothing. The unmitigated hound!"

Eve caught at her husband's upraised arm. "He hasn't been in gaol three times. Dick's suffered once—only once—and that was for another's fault."

Ronald pointed his whip at Eve's lover. "Ask him," he again challenged.

Eve turned imploringly to Richard Milligan. It was the voice of one in the last stage of suffering and desperation that answered her.

"Your husband seems to have found out a part of my story. Let me tell the whole, and you shall both judge. If you still think I am a scoundrel I will go away and never trouble either of you again."

Eve said: "Ronald, give me that whip."

Ronald hesitated.

"I have a right to be heard," pleaded Eve's "doctor," his face now a pale green.

"You crime sheets speak loud enough for you," said Ronald, his lips curled.

"But crime records don't say all," continued Richard Milligan; "they say only what the police want said."

Ronald handed the whip to Eve and motioned the two to be seated again.

DICK TELLS HIS TALE.

WHAT sadder story could a man tell than that unfolded by Richard Milligan? Prevented from openly practising his profession, his financial position had grown so desperate that he

from gaol he received a secret command to go to Dublin to help the Sinn Feiners during the troublous days preceding the establishment of the Irish Free State. Though he knew that disobedience to an order of that uncompromising nature would be visited by drastic punishment, he had disobeyed.

Ten days later, when tramping for work, he was robbed of several personal possessions, including a silver pencil-case which had been returned to him when he left Wandsworth Prison.

That evening he returned late to his lodgings at Willesden and rose early the next morning to resume his hunt for work.

During the day he noticed on the newspaper placards the announcement of a very daring bank robbery and a brutal assault on a maid-servant. That night, when he again returned to his lodgings, his landlady greeted him with the ominous news that the police had called during the day and were badly wanting to see him.

Thinking it had something to do with his registration, he called round at the police station. Here Dick stopped to make the comment:

"A guilty man doesn't usually call on the police when they want him. He scuttles. But I went to the police station—right into the lion's jaws."

When he reported himself he noticed that the inspector in charge looked surprised. He, Richard Milligan, in turn was also surprised; for the inspector then announced that he had that day received a wire ordering his arrest on the amazing charge of breaking into a bank at Pangbourne on the previous night and assaulting a maid-servant.

Though he protested his innocence, he was unable to prove an alibi. No one had heard him enter or leave his lodgings that night—which was abominable luck. Further, his own silver pencil-case had been found on the floor in the bank. The maid-servant, whose head had been struck with a jemmy, was fortunately getting better. Otherwise, so said the inspector, he might have been charged with murder.

Dick Milligan paused. Ronald and Eve were regarding him with strained attention.

"I had no work, no friends, no hope. I cut an artery in my arm. But for the untimely arrival of a warder I should have bled to death. I was unlucky again. I went to hospital. At the trial I got seven years. The warders told me afterwards I was lucky not to have caught a flying rose. Well, it doesn't matter now."

Dick rose.

"I have told you my story. Now I am going." He moved towards the door.

"Ronald!" Eve's voice came huskily across the room. "Are you going to let him go like that?"

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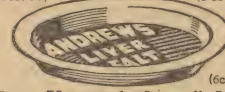


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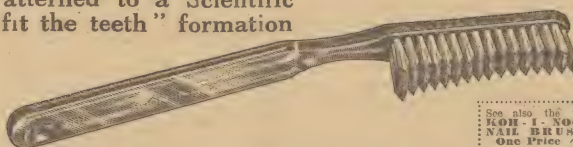
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FREAKISH, indeed, are some of the frocks of the moment—but not offensively so! One of the most desirable of the frocks worn at a mannequin parade at a dance club this week fell in a straight line from shoulder to hem on one side, but had three flounces as a panel on the other. It sounds just as unattractive as it really was delightful. And the whole frock was of black moiré silk.

OTHER NOTIONS.

At the Peron show an enviable little black "trotteur" frock had an up-standing frill of white or-gandie edged with red and a black hip sash ending with the most enormous tassels, one red and one white—quite as long as those the Victorians used to attach to their curtains. On a crystal-embroidered draped frock a great bunch of velvet petals poised on the hip.

IF YOU DANCE.

Then there is the jolly little black Mercury wing, held by a diamond and silver brooch to a black anklet, which is being given away to dancers at the Empress Rooms who also dine where the famous Chester was chef last year. A few ideas like this will mean death to long skirts!

OUR EXHIBITION.

A good many women seem to be waiting for the wonderful dress parades that will be a feature of next month's *Daily Mirror* Exhibition before buying their summer outfit. Fifi-nella, who has a preliminary



The newest organdie collar and rever ends in a big frill on the hip of a coat frock otherwise untrimmed.

show on Tuesday at the Cecil, has nearly finished the frocks for the pageant here. What pageant? Wait and see!

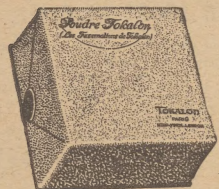
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Clochnaben Wins at Big Price with Donoghue Up.

Genial weather favoured the opening day of the Liverpool meeting. The King, who was given a great welcome, was present in Lord Derby's private stand, but his horse, Will Somers, was unplaced in the Spring Cup, which was won by Mr. James White's Clochnaben. Other features of the day's sport were:

Racing.—Double Up was first past the post in the Stanley 'Chase at Liverpool, but on an objection the race was awarded to Manby Gate. **Rowing.**—In the race between the spare men for to-morrow's Boat Race, R. Thornycroft (Oxford) beat C. R. M. Eley (Cambridge) by two lengths.

NATIONAL NOTES.

Will Mr. Percy Whitaker Realise His Ambition?

By BOUVIERE.

"If Mr. Whitaker was ten years younger I should regard Arravale as a good thing."

This was the summing-up of a well-known trainer with a long experience as a cross-country jockey, when I asked his opinion of to-day's Grand National.

But is Captain Whitaker too old at fifty-two? No jockey riding the Triple has a greater ledge of the "terrible" Aintree course, and, fired by a lifelong ambition to win the world's greatest steeplechase, there will not be many riders who will give him points to-day.

Valid excuses exist for Arravale's failure last year, when he was balked by the body of the dead Awbeg. The plain fact to consider is that

SELECTIONS FOR LIVERPOOL.			
1.30.—SEWING MACHINE.	3.50.—PHARO.	4.20.—MONTFORT.	4.45.—RED ROCK.
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he is easily the fastest horse in the race, that his jumping is as safe as the best, and that he is undoubtedly one of the best-handicapped horses in the race.

Libretto, from the same stable, has come into prominence chiefly because Parliament has been brought across from the race to the field. He is a bold fencer, but somehow I doubt his stamina.

Forewarned is the "park champion" now that Gerald L. has disappeared, and there is no mistaking the confidence behind the horse that Jack Anthony hopes will give him his fourth National victory.

"I would not change my mount even for Arravale" was his reply when the race was being discussed a few days ago.

The following is a list of probable starters and jockeys:—

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In the circumstances it looks as if those old stagers, Sergeant Murphy and Taffy, will be dangerous as anything. Both have been round, and they are such safe jumpers that they will have to be knocked over if they are to fall, but neither will win if Arravale stands up.

HORSES FOR COURSES.

The following horses engaged at Liverpool to-day won over the course last year:—
Bridgeman Stakes.—HIGHTBURY.
West Derby Stakes.—BURTON SIENNA.
Grand National Steeplechase.—SQUIRE DANCE.
PUNT GUN, PLY ONLY.
Hyllon Handicap.—BURTON SIENNA.
Bickerstaffe Plate.—MY LORD, PHAROS.



Jack Bloomfield, who meets Soldier Jones at the National Sporting Club on Monday.

L. Rees, who rode Manby Gate in the Stanley Steeplechase at Liverpool yesterday.

LIVERPOOL'S OPENING.

Tons of Money's Trial Victim Wins Spring Cup.

Glorious sunshine welcomed the King to Aintree yesterday, and a huge crowd came in the hope of cheering a royal victory in the Spring Cup.

They were doomed to disappointment. Like the Lincolnshire, it was won by an outsider, and irony of ironies, the winner was Clochnaben, one of Tons of Money's trial victims.

The King, who watched the racing from Lord Derby's private stand, went into the paddock before the race and had a few words with Wrang before the youngster was put into the saddle, while Lord Derby chatted with Donoghue.

Will Somers is not on the big side, but he presented the appearance of a perfectly-trained horse. He was first away in a fairly good start and kept his place until reaching the mile post, when the blinkered Sir Greyhound went on with Clochnaben, Will Somers and Bumble Bee in close attendance. A mist which had gathered as the afternoon wore on obscured the colours as the field reached the canal turn, and when they could again be distinguished it was seen that Will Somers had lost his place.

AN EASY WIN.

Accepting the situation that he could not get through, Wrang pulled him to the outside when they were well into the straight, but he made little head way afterwards, and never appeared likely to get into the first three. Fornovo was another always fighting a losing battle, and when Bumble Bee appeared likely to win another race at last Donoghue brought Clochnaben through to win comfortably. A real tragedy was associated with the Stanley 'Chase, Double Up, one of the most promising young 'chasers we have seen for many years, beat Manby Gate on his merits, but his rider broke the rules, and Double Up went from first to last on an objection for crossing.

Walter Griggs' hopes of a double with Grave and Gay and Cloth of Gold were dissipated when the latter got badly away in the Molyneux Stakes. Grave and Cloth of Gold were easily enough, but the more important prize went to Double Entendre, on whom Archibald rode a fine finish to

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LEADING HORSES IN TO-DAY'S GREAT STEEPLECHASE AND ITS BEAUTIFUL TROPHY



Mr. C. R. Baron's Arravale, who with Forewarned is joint favourite for to-day's Grand National.



The handsome trophy which will be part of the reward of the victor.



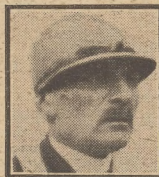
Mr. T. C. Laidlaw's Fly Mask, which was scratched at the eleventh hour yesterday.



Mr. Bankier's Forewarned, with J. Anthony in the saddle, who will ride him to-day.



Captain Bennet, who will be up on Sergeant Murphy.



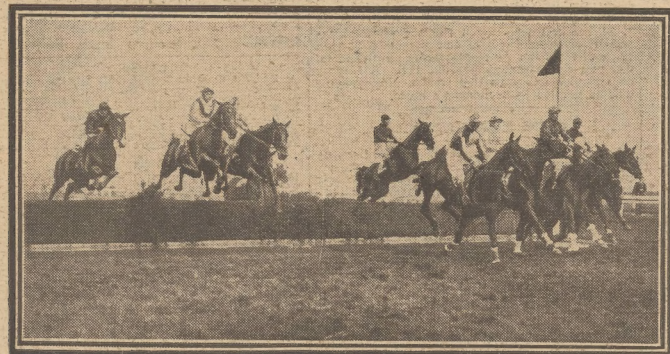
Captain P. Whitaker, who is to ride Arravale in the National.



FOUND MASTER'S CELL.—The dog owned by Henry Spencer, company director, awaiting trial at Highgate Police Court, who, waiting his opportunity to dash through a door, found his way to his master's cell.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)



JUDGE DIES AGED EIGHTY.—Mr. Justice Bray (Sir Reginald More Bray) who died in London yesterday, aged eighty. He was on the bench till a few days ago, when he was taken ill in court.



At the water jump in the Stanley Steeplechase at Liverpool yesterday.

There will again be a big field to-day for the Grand National, the world's most valuable steeplechase, at Aintree, and, with the King and the Prince of Wales at the meeting, the greatest interest is taken in the race.



FAMOUS ARTIST DEAD.—Mr. B. W. Leader, R.A., the famous artist, who died yesterday at Gomshall, Surrey, aged ninety-two. He was the most popular landscape painter of his period.



OUR COSTLY GUEST.—M. Venizelos, Greek ex-Premier, who has arrived in London to stay as the guest of the British Government at a cost, it is stated, of something like £90 a week.